

**AGENDA
MAINE STATE HARNESS RACING COMMISSION
MEETING**

June 20, 2018

Gambling Control Board Conference Room

Department of Public Safety

45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine

Starting Time 9:00 a.m.

1. Call the Meeting to Order and Introductions: Michael Timmons, Chair

**2. Review and Approval of Minutes
Review and Approval of Decision and Orders**

3. Adjudicatory Hearings:

RE: Request to Intervene in and for Reconsideration of Complaint Numbers 2017 MSHRC 29 and 2017 MSHRC 45. Individuals have petitioned the Commission to become intervenors and to request reconsideration of its decisions pertaining to the consolidated betamethasone case.

4. Commission Review of the Statutory Language Pertaining to Purse Returns. At the May 9, 2018, hearing, a single commissioner ruled that purse returns would not be part of the penalties for Complaint Numbers 2017 MSHRC 29 and 2017 MSHRC 45. This ruling was based on a recent interpretation of statutory language contained in 8 M.R.S. §§ 279 and 280. The Maine Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association have requested that the Commission explain its finding relative to the consolidated betamethasone case. In addition, it's appropriate for the full Commission to review the statutory language, discuss its interpretation, and determine how to proceed.

5. Commission Discussion about Potential Rulemaking. The Maine Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association has requested a couple of minor revisions to Chapter 9 of the Commission rules. In addition, a May 9, 2018 Commission decision was based in part on a recent interpretation of the Commission's statutes that purse returns are only authorized for certain types of rule violations.

6. Other Business:

a. Continued discussion regarding the Commission's Consent Agreement Policy

7. Schedule of Future Meetings:

8. Adjourn